GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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NARMADA DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total land areas submerged in the course of the construction of Narmada Dam;

(b) the number of people evacuated from these areas; and

(c) the percentage of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes population displaced and the compensation given to the affected persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The total land coming under submergence in the course of the construction of Narmada Dam (Sardar Sarovar Dam)is around 37,533 ha. spread over the three States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

(b) At full reservoir level of 138.68 m about 40,835 families spread over the three States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh would be affected due to submergence and backwater effect.

(c) The percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons affected due to submergence and backwater effect of Sardar Sarovar Dam is 8.45% and 49.61% respectively.

The Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal (NWDT) inits final orders had given detailed directions with regard to acquisition of land and properties and the compensation to be provided to the Project Affected Families (PAFs) for their Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R). With a viewto improve the economic condtions of the project affected families after resettlement, the party States of Madhya Praesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, have further liberalized the package for resettlement and rehabilitation prescribed by the NWDT. The revised package of Gujarat, which is one of the best R&R package in the country so far, provides land equivalent to the land acquired, subject to a minimum of 2 ha. for each family. All landless agriculatural labourers, encroachers of government land etc. are also allotted 2 ha. of agricultural land. Every major son is treated as a separate family for the R&R package. Each family is provided a residential plot of 500 Sq. metres free of cost along with a core house costing 45,000/-. In addition, resettlement grants comprising subsistence allowance, grant for ploughing, grant for purchase of productive assets, transportation of building materials and household goods & other insurance are provided to each family.

Civil and other amenities such as approach road, internal roads, primary school building, health center, panchayat ghar, seeds store, children's park, village pond, drinking water wells, platform for community meetings, street light electrification, religious place, crematorium ground etc. are provided at resettlement sites.